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To

C. S. Balasundaram Iyer, Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of Mysore,
BANGALORE.

Sir,

I have the honour to enclose for the information of Government, copy of a printed circular (No.78 dated 31st March 1920) - received from the Census Commissioner for India, conveying certain instructions in regard to the forth-coming Census.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Census Superintendent in Mysore.

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MRN.

No. 78.

OFFICE OF THE CENSUS COMMISSIONER FOR INDIA.

FROM

J. T. MARTEN, ESQ., I.C.S.,
Census Commissioner for India.

To

ALL PROVINCIAL SUPERINTENDENTS OF CENSUS OPERATIONS.

Dated Simla, the 31st March 1920

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to address you on the subject of the operations connected with the coming Census. As on the last occasion the general instructions connected with the Census operations will be issued in the form of an Imperial Census Code. Copies of Part I of this Code, which deals with the taking of the Census, are enclosed with this letter ; the issue is a provisional one and the blanks left will be filled up in a later edition when final orders have been passed on certain proposals which are under consideration by the Government of India. Provincial Superintendents will draw up instructions regarding the Census in their Provinces on the basis of the Imperial Code, making such modifications in matters of detail as may seem necessary in view of local conditions. Instructions were issued at the close of the last Census operations for the careful preservation of all important Census records and files. These records and files should be got together at once and arranged. The last Administrative Volume of your Province should be carefully studied and it will be well also to glance through the Administrative Volumes of other Provinces, as many of them contain useful suggestions which may be generally applicable.

2. All Local Governments were addressed by the Government of India in December last on the subject of the preparation of the Village Register, *vide* Imperial Code, Chapter V, Articles 1—3. In certain Provinces such as Bengal, Bihar and Orissa and Assam, where the residential village does not correspond with the revenue *maúza*, the accurate compilation of the Village Register presents considerable difficulty and it is necessary to start operations during the cold weather preceding the appointment of Census Superintendent. In other Provinces, such as Bombay and the Central Provinces, where the village is a well-defined unit, such preliminary operations are not necessary. You should find out immediately what has already been done and issue any instructions which may be required for the preparation of this Register. The next important matter is the indent for paper required for the Census enumeration forms and the translation of the forms into the vernaculars of the Province. These matters are dealt with in Chapters III and IV of the Imperial Census Code. Special care should be taken to select suitable examples for the specimen schedule.

3. The operations of Slipcopying, Sorting and Compilation will be dealt with in the second part of the Imperial Census Code. It will suffice at present to say that the slip system which was begun in the 1901 Census and perfected in that of 1911 will probably be adopted on practically the same lines as the present Census. Most of the slips will, I hope, be written up locally in districts on this

occasion and it would be well in the course of your tours, to make enquiries regarding the accommodation which will be available both for slipcopying establishments and for the large sorting offices.

4. You should carefully study the previous Census Reports of your Province and the last two Census Reports for the whole of India and it will be well to make yourself acquainted with a few standard works on statistics, such as—

(1) Elements of Statistics, by Bowley, 1915 edition ;

(2) Studies in Statistics, by Longstaff.

(3) Vital Statistics, by Newsholme.

(4) Course de Statistique Administrative, by Bertillon, Paris, 1895.

(5) Introduction to the Theory of Statistics, by Yule, 1915.

In addition to these books, you will find it useful to look through the volumes of the last eight or nine years of the Journals of the Royal Statistical Society and the Royal Economic Society of Great Britain. These journals should be available at most Provincial Headquarters or can easily be procured. They contain articles on statistical subjects which, apart from the interest of their subject matter, are useful as illustrating the way in which statistical methods are applied to the analysis of social and general problems. I shall, in a subsequent communication, draw the attention of Superintendents to certain articles of particular interest and can later on, if desired, circulate copies of journals and books which are not readily available.

5. It is not necessary at the present stage to discuss in any detail the form or subject matter of the Report. I shall later on draw up for each chapter notes of information which should be collected in all Provinces. In view of the large mass of information regarding ethnological and linguistic subjects, which has been collected in the course of the last twenty years in census reports, gazetteers, reports of the ethnographic and linguistic survey and other similar works, it is unnecessary on this occasion to deal in great detail with matters of academic interest connected with religion, marriage customs, caste structure or languages, except in so far as the progress of the last ten years is concerned. At the same time it is not intended to discourage Superintendents, who are themselves interested in these branches of enquiry, from collecting and presenting any new material that may serve to fill up gaps in our present information or to add generally to our knowledge on these subjects.

6. It is proposed, on the present occasion, to direct special attention to the collection of statistical and general information regarding the industrial and economic side of the life of the people. I shall shortly address you in greater detail on this subject, but it will be well to study especially the chapter on Occupations in the last Census Reports and to make yourself acquainted with the industrial conditions in your Province and with the literature dealing with recent industrial and economic questions in India generally, *e.g.*, the Report of the Indian Industrial Commission, recent works like the " Foundations of Indian Economics " by Mukerjee and " Indian Economics " by Kale and the volumes of the Economic Journals of Bengal and Allahabad for the last six or eight years. Apart from this special branch of study, it is most desirable that Provincial Superintendents should make themselves familiar with the tendencies of Indian thought during the last ten years on questions relating to the structure of society and the trend of religious and social feeling. It will be well, therefore, to keep yourself in

touch with the more important local newspapers and journals which deal with social, religious, industrial or economic questions. You should also arrange with the local publicity organization, if there is one, to supply you with any references to, or cuttings of, articles bearing on questions dealt with in the Census Report.

7. Copies of all important local orders and circulars should be sent to the Census Commissioner for India and also to the Provincial Superintendents of other Provinces and States. A list of the names of these officers, so far as is known to me at present, is appended.

List of the Provincial Superintendents of Census Operations in the different Provinces and States.

Assam	Mr. G. T. Lloyd, I.C.S.
Baluchistan	Rai Bahadur Diwan Jamiat Rai, C.I.E.
Bengal	Mr. W. H. Thompson, I.C.S.
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Cochin State	Mr. P. Govinda Menon.
Hyderabad State	.....
Kashmir State	.....
Mysore State	Mr. V. R. Thyagarajaiyar.
Rajputana and Ajmer-Merwara	Rai Bahadur Pandit Brij Jiwan Lal.
Travancore State	Mr. S. Krishnamurthi Ayyar.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant.

J. T. MARTEN,

Census Commissioner for India.

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